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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 02-148**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

By a Public Notice issued August 21, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission invited comments regarding an *ex parte* filing by Qwest Communications in WC Docket 02-148. In its *ex parte* letter, Qwest informed the FCC it was filing with various state utility commissions agreements between Qwest and competitive Local Exchange Carriers.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission files this brief comment to confirm that Qwest did file with the IPUC several agreements between Qwest and competitive LECs that previously were unfiled. The IPUC will review the agreements by its usual process for approval of interconnection agreements, which likely will not be completed prior to the date for the FCC to issue its decision in Qwest's Section 271 case, WC Docket 02-148. However, the IPUC does not believe Qwest's filing of the agreements with the IPUC should affect the FCC's consideration of Qwest's Section 271 application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Weldon B. Stutzman".

Weldon B. Stutzman  
Deputy Attorney General

cc: IPUC Commissioners

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